



Pilgrim Presbytery of Northern Australia Position Description/Placement Profile Youth & Young Adults and Communications Resource Worker (0.8)

The Presbytery

The Pilgrim Presbytery of Northern Australia (PPNA) has the same geographical area as the Northern Synod, which covers the Northern Territory, the Kimberley region of Western Australia and a portion of northern South Australia. The Presbytery has 13 congregations from Darwin in the north, to Alice Springs in the south, and from Nhulunbuy in the east to Broome in the west. Currently the Presbytery also has oversight of 3 RAAF Chaplains, 2 Patrol Ministers, 1 Hospital Chaplain, 1 Prison Chaplain, 2 teachers and 1 Dean of Students at Nungalinga College, and a number of part-time School based Chaplains.

Within this area, the Northern Regional Council of Congress (NRCC) operates as another Presbytery within the Synod. NRCC has oversight of the work with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as a regional council of the Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress (UAICC). The Pilgrim Presbytery has a close and developing partnership relationship with the NRCC. Pilgrim Presbytery currently has pastoral oversight of 4 non-Indigenous Support Workers and Educators working within NRCC.

The Part Time (.8) Presbytery/Synod Placement

There are two inter-related parts to this role;:

- Promoting and facilitating participation of youth and young adults in the life and witness of the Uniting Church.
- Providing communications services across the Synod.

Both roles are carried out by working closely with members of the Northern Regional Council of Congress (NRCC) and the Pilgrim Presbytery of Northern Australia (PPNA). The placement review will be conducted annually – in November.

Youth and Young Adults Resource Worker

The Youth and Young Adults Resource Worker is a part time (.4) placement which represents approximately 2 days a week and is to be exercised flexibly in partnership with other responsibilities the ministry agent might have.

Pilgrim Presbytery is committed to engaging with youth and young adults at both a regional level (presbytery and in partnership with NRCC) and within the context of local congregational ministry and discipleship.

The three key roles in this part-time placement are to;

- be a contact person for both Presbyteries and the southern Synods in relation to, About Face; National Young Adult Leaders Conference (NYALC); National Christian Youth Convention (NCYC); School of Discipleship
- provide information/promote and facilitate participation of youth and young adults in PPNA and NRCC youth and young adult related events
- advocate for youth and young adults in the life and witness of their congregations and the wider church.

The PPNA will fund and has oversight of the Youth and Young Adult Resource Worker role.

Outline of Responsibilities

The Youth and Young Adult Resource Worker will seek to;

- visit congregations to meet with and hear from young people;
- promote and attend youth events and celebrations around the synod;
- connect with and encourage youth leaders and facilitate connections between congregations;
- help congregations think about how to make their churches spaces young people want to be a part of including encouraging young people to participate in the councils of the church;
- be in communication with and organise gatherings for young adults in our synod;
- engage with church councils about supporting youth participation in national and local events;
- follow up with young people after they attend events;
- connect NRCC young people with national Congress events;
- connect young people from NRCC and young people from PPNA.

The Communications Resource Worker

The Communications Resource Worker is a part time (.4) placement which represents approximately 2 days a week and is to be exercised flexibly in partnership with other responsibilities the ministry agent might have.

The Northern Synod, PPNA and NRCC are committed to resourcing the life and witness of its ministries through the sharing of information and those faith stories which reflect the linguistic and cultural diversity of the synod. Given the large geographical area of the synod, it recognises the need to use technologies that help produce high quality and accessible resources and reduce the significant costs involved in communication and resourcing.

The three key roles in this part-time placement are to;

- providing spaces for Northern Synod members to share their own and encounter others faith stories from around the Synod;
- sharing information from other synods and agencies, the Assembly and our partners in ministry to members of our Synod;
- sharing faith stories and information in a way that is accessible to members of our Synod, taking into account the diversity of languages and literacies in our Synod.

Outline of Responsibilities

The Communications Resource Worker will seek to collect and share stories from around our Synod by:

- communicating with and visiting different congregations and communities, and attending events around the Synod;
- encouraging others to document and share their experiences
- publishing a quarterly newsletter/magazine which can be circulated both on line and in hard copy and regular e-mail outs.
- maintaining an active and useful social media presence via facebook (and other mediums such as twitter and instagram if the Synod are interested);
- revamping and maintaining the website to be an engaging and useful resource for the Synod.
- and with further support the Communications Resource Worker may also create associated multimedia resources (photos, videos, audio recordings) to put on the website and share with the wider church.

The Northern Synod will fund the Communications Resource Worker role via a grant to PPNA and share oversight with the PPNA and NRCC. The Northern Synod General Secretary in consultation with the Moderator has the duty of care and the authority to edit and /or restrict publication at any time.

General

Location: Darwin
 Appointed by: Synod Standing Committee
 Responsible to: Northern Synod through Pilgrim Presbytery
 Memberships: Member of PPNA
 Liaises with: The Northern Synod General Secretary, Moderator, Chairpersons and Presbytery Ministers of PPNA and NRCC, congregations, young people across the synod and communications teams in other synods.
 Placement Conditions: outlined in the Terms of Placement Statement
 Placement reviewed annually